

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 20, 2007, claims 1-4, 6-14, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,091,563 (Thomas); and claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Thomas alone.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted herewith.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 8-19 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejection of those claims moot.

It is respectfully submitted that newly added independent claims 20 and 29 are not anticipated by Thomas.

Specifically, with respect to claim 20, Thomas fails to disclose an autochanger that has a shelf to house storage media units, an illumination source, a phosphorescent imaging target affixed to at least one of a storage media unit and a shelf, an optical imaging sensor for receiving luminance information emitted from the phosphorescent imaging target, and a picker to be positioned based on the received luminance information emitted from the phosphorescent imaging target, the picker to retrieve a selected one of the storage units from the shelf.

Although Thomas discloses a phosphorescent marker placed on a cartridge for use in a disk drive of a laptop computer, there is no teaching in Thomas of the autochanger recited in claim 20.

Claim 29 is similarly allowable over Thomas.


Dependent claims, including newly added dependent claims 21-28 and 30-32, are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (10004958-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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